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As summer draws to a close, we look forward to Studio Tours, Art Trips and opportunities to exhibit our newest creations of art. Congratulations to the members that have been juried into the upcoming Mayor's Exhibit. Well done!

Having recently returned from an inspiring three weeks of painting and visiting museums in the south of France, I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity for our November Montreal museum trip.

November is also our Annual Members' Exhibit, please remember your art piece cannot exceed 32"x40" (including frame), and must be DRY and properly wired for hanging at the OLT. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and in the meanwhile, "No day without a Line".

Art Trip to Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - 12 November

"Why are we always in search of a sun-soaked earthly paradise? Can it be that Provence is such a place?"

Here is a chance to capture the sun with a day trip to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts for the special exhibit *Right Under the Sun - Landscape in Provence from Classicism to Modernism 1750 to 1920*. The exhibition will present over 200 works by some sixty artists including Van Gogh, Cezanne, Monet and Renoir. It will focus on landscape and light as depicted by successive movements in art between the late 18th and early 20th century. More information available on the museum's web site, www.mmfa.qc.ca.

This one-day excursion includes transportation from Ottawa to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts via Thom Transport coach, admission to the exhibit and audio guide. The bus leaves Ottawa around 8:00AM, pick-up point is still to be determined, and return from Montreal is at 4PM (washroom equipped bus).

We will take in the Under the Sun exhibit in the morning. Two spots for lunch are in the museum (costs not included in the package) or a local restaurant on Rue

Crescent. While there is a lot to see at the Museum, if you are looking for other afternoon possibilities, there are several private art galleries nearby along Sherbrooke St. or the McCord Museum of Canadian History. As well, Ste Catherine Street is about a 15 minute walk for shopping.

Minimum of 25 people required and a maximum of 50. So, first come-first served. The trip is open to OAA members, your friends and family.

Costs: Adults \$54, and seniors (age 65 or older) \$48.

For more information or to register please call Sue Ouellette at (613) 830-5813, or email at sue.ouellette@sympatico.ca

Deadline for registration is Oct. 14, 2005.

Please make your cheque payable to the Ottawa Art Association, and mail it to

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Take a Load Off Your Feet by David Houlton

My studio is in the basement and has a cement floor covered with a hard-wearing carpet. Lately my legs have started aching more as I stand at my easel for a couple of hours. I have an adjustable chair which provides some relief but inhibits movement.

I had thought about new heavier carpeting but a studio is hardly the place and my budget is rather low at this time. The answer came from my local Home Hardware sales staff. They carry "anti-fatigue interlocking comfort mats" which come in packages of four and each are 24"x24". They can be quickly joined into any shape required. I started with a package of four mats, found they worked and went on to three more packages. There are four colours to choose from. Home Hardware ordered mine from their catalogue.

In talking to other artists, they could see the benefits. One person thought they had seen them sold elsewhere and as a final inspired thought, it was suggested you could take them along to an art show and have cushioned flooring to stand on. I thought this was brilliant and intend to try it out.

October OAA Meeting

(always the second Tuesday of the month)

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

7:30 to 9:30 PM,

On the 3rd Floor, Multi-Service Centre,
1480 Heron Road, Ottawa

Executive meeting

in the 3rd Floor Board Room, at 6:15 PM

Speaker

Allison Fagan

Artist

Internationally exhibited coloured pencil artist Allison Fagan will demonstrate and speak on the versatility of this dynamic medium. Slide presentation included.

Scholarship Winners

You may know that last year the OAA instituted a scholarship fund to support worthy developing artists at the Ottawa School of Art. The names of the first winners are Susan Mok and Erin Sorrey.

September Presentation

If you missed Jim Weller's demonstration of abstract watercolour art, perhaps you have seen his work as part of the Merrickville Studio Tour. Using mostly geometric patterns on abraded paper, with the simplest tools, large brushes, traditional colour, Jim demonstrated how easy it can be to produce evocative and beautiful work.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Please contact Cindy Hauck to renew your membership for the next year. The November Awards Show is just ahead!

Upcoming Events

The **Toronto International Art Fair** runs from November 4 - November 7, 2005 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. As of Oct. 1, 2005, the AGO is showing "Catherine the Great: Arts for the Empire" which brings together 200 treasures from the Russian State Hermitage Museum.

OLT Hanging Schedule

- 2 October
- 06 November (for annual members' exhibit)